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UNNATURAL NUCLEOBASES FOR **DECODING**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The enclosed Response replies to the final Office Action dated September 16, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited.

This paper includes the following sections:

Amendment to the Claims as shown in the list of claims beginning on page 2; and Remarks which begins on page 4.

Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal.

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